

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the indicators for various types of hawkers, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of fixed pitch hawkers, itinerant hawkers and registered hawker assistants, as well as the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers, in the past three years (i.e. from 2012 to 2014), with a breakdown by district and trade category;
- (b) the number of hawker licences surrendered under the assistance scheme for hawker licensees since the implementation of the scheme in June 2013 and the expenditure involved; and
- (c) now that the assistance scheme has been implemented for almost two years, whether the Department will conduct a mid-term review of the scheme and consider re-issuing the surrendered hawker licences for application by interested parties; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided at Annex.
- (b) As at 28 February 2015, we have, under the five-year Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Scheme), approved 369 applications for ex-gratia payment in return for voluntary surrender of fixed-pitch hawker licence. The ex-gratia payment involved was \$44.28 million.
- (c) The Government is monitoring closely the implementation of the relocation plans under the Scheme, including whether there would be a large number of vacant pitches after completion of the relocation programme, thus affecting the business ambience of these hawker areas. The five-year scheme will end in 2018. While completion of

the Scheme by then would be an opportune time to review whether we should issue new licences for on-street hawker pitches, the Government will keep in view the actual progress made in implementing the Scheme for the purpose of deciding when best we should conduct the review.

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**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers
(Position as at 31.12.2012)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central/ Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	2	1	14	9	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
	Bootblack	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	3	32	30	6	11	26	20	24	16	0	6	7	31	0	1	226
	Newspaper	75	52	48	4	128	26	29	16	48	16	21	8	18	8	7	3	3	1	511
	Tradesman	90	15	17	0	56	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	186
	Wall Stall	30	15	18	14	143	60	32	2	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	336
	Other Classes	447	375	379	33	2 551	1 020	56	0	64*	0	39	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 967
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	39									33									72
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	186									195									381
Registered Hawker Assistant		571	577	356	45	2 154	896	59	42	219	27	53	22	24	17	15	32	3	3	5 115
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers		158	140	128	28	355	279	61	23	131	87	21	51	33	79	22	24	24	29	1 691 [#] (1 673+18)

*Excluding 48 temporary hawkers licenses at Hip Wo Street Hawker Bazaar and Mut Wah Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar, where the hawkers will be resited to Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar.

[#]The figure includes 18 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department.

**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers
(Position as at 31.12.2013)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central/ Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowlo on City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Licence	Barber	2	3	2	1	13	9	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
	Bootblack	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	3	33	28	6	11	24	21	20	10	0	4	7	30	0	1	211
	Newspaper	72	50	44	4	123	26	25	16	42	14	20	8	17	7	7	2	3	1	481
	Tradesman	86	15	16	0	55	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	180
	Wall Stall	29	15	18	14	139	59	29	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	325
	Other Classes	426	368	340	32	2 443	984	53	0	0*	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 741
Itinerant Licence	Frozen Confectionary	38									32									70
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	177									191									368
Registered Hawker Assistant	610	602	397	48	2 261	1 032	61	42	227	26	124	23	24	17	16	33	3	3	5 549	
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers	148	36	131	44	256	248	62	21	119	75	18	50	27	78	20	57	13	20	1 463 [#] (1 423+40)	

*Excluding 112 temporary hawker licenses at Hip Wo Street Hawker Bazaar and Mut Wah Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar, where the hawkers will be resited to Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar.

[#]The figure includes 40 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department.

**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers
(Position as at 31.12.2014)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central/ Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowl- oon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	1	1	12	8	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
	Bootblack	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	2	33	25	6	7	24	20	20	10	0	4	7	26	0	1	198
	Newspaper	68	48	41	4	116	25	24	14	40	14	20	8	16	7	7	1	3	1	457
	Tradesman	87	14	16	0	53	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	176
	Wall Stall	29	15	18	14	137	58	28	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	321
	Other Classes	410	359	320	31	2 363	960	53	0	125	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 716
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	38									31									69
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	170									186									356
Registered Hawker Assistant	568	517	365	46	2 141	1 042	102	36	190	21	134	23	23	17	14	30	3	3	5 275	
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers	148	27	130	41	302	281	63	36	56	69	9	54	40	79	33	47	10	15	1 480 [#] (1 440+40)	

[#]The figure includes 40 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department.